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NICARAGUA.

Report from Bluefields, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Reilley reports as follows: Week ended June 4, 1904. Present officially estimated population, 4,000; 1 death; prevailing diseases, malarial fever and tuberculosis. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
May 28	Union C.....	5	12	0	0
29	Alabama.....	17	13	0	0
30	Dumois.....	18	0	0	0
June 3	Utstein.....	18	0	0	0
3	Osceola.....	32	0	0	0

PANAMA.

Reports from Colon—Inspection of vessels.

Surgeon Perry reports, June 6 and 7, as follows:

During the week ended June 4, 1904, the following vessels cleared from Colon for ports in the United States:

American steamship *Seguranca* for New York, June 1, with 69 crew and 93 passengers; British steamship *Darien* for New Orleans, June 1, with 44 crew and 33 passengers; Norwegian steamship *Preston* for New Orleans, June 3, with 29 crew and 4 passengers in transit for Bocas del Toro; British steamship *Viscaina* for United States ports, June 3, with 22 crew and no passengers.

Vessels entering Colon during month of April, 1904.

From ports in Mexico, West Indies, and Central America.....	16
From Cartagena.....	6
From Europe.....	2
From New York.....	4
From New Orleans.....	2
From ports not given.....	1
Total.....	31

Total number of vessels, 28 steamers, 2 schooners, 1 yacht.

Report from Panama—Inspection of vessel—Mortality—Yellow fever.

Assistant Surgeon Pierce reports, June 7, as follows:

Week ended June 6, 1904: On May 31 the American steamer *City of Panama* was given a bill of health. There were on board, officers and crew, 60; cabin passengers, 12; steerage passengers, 11; total, 83; all well.

During the past two weeks there have been reported deaths from the following causes: Liver disease, 2; beriberi, 1; stillborn, 3; pneumonia, 4; malaria, 1; tuberculosis, 2; diarrhea, 1; apoplexy, 2; a

cold, 1; dysentery, 3; gunshot wound, 1; fever, 1; yellow fever, 1; bilious fevers, 3; phthisis pulmonalis, 1; bronchitis, 1; parturition, 1; heart disease, 2; wounds, 1; leprosy, 1; inflammation of stomach, 1; strangulated hernia, 1; total, 35.

The case reported as yellow fever was not regarded as such by the American doctors who saw the case. A separate letter, dated to-day, has been written containing what information could be gathered regarding the presence of yellow fever.

Report from Bocas del Toro fruit port—Yellow fever reported at Limon—Detention of passengers from Limon.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports, June 2, 1904, as follows:

On May 28, 1904, I was advised by Mr. Herbert Lear, manager of United Fruit Company at this place, that two cases of yellow fever had developed at Limon, Costa Rica.

That morning a large naphtha launch arrived from Limon, having left there, I am informed, the previous afternoon, and brought passengers for this place. This launch was not boarded by the official doctor, but all passengers were allowed to land by the customs officials.

As soon as I received the information from Mr. Lear I immediately made it public and communicated the facts to the governor of this department.

On May 30 I received a reply from the governor. He took immediate action and issued a decree organizing a board of health. This organization was to adopt such measures as were necessary and to handle all quarantine questions from time to time.

The proposed members of the board of health met on May 31 and perfected organization. Doctor Vaz was made president. About this time the steamship *Baker* of the United Fruit Company's line arrived from Limon, and brought as passengers for this port Dr. R. E. Swigart, who is in charge of the United Fruit Company's hospital in this place, and Mr. E. J. Hitchcock, auditor for the same company, with headquarters at San Jose, Costa Rica. There was considerable discussion as to the disposition of these two gentlemen.

I then read a letter that I had received from Doctor Goodman, of this Service in Limon, and it was finally decided that the gentlemen be transferred direct from the steamer to the United Fruit Company's hospital on an adjacent island for six days, the company agreeing to allow no communication with the town or villages. This was accordingly done, and they have been under the observation of Dr. L. A. Wailes, resident medical officer for the Louisiana State board of health.

I have the utmost confidence that these arrangements will be conscientiously carried out by Doctor Wailes. According to Doctor Goodman's letter, there is very little danger of introducing yellow fever into this port in this instance.

The permit referred to in Doctor Goodman's letter allowing these passengers to come was granted by the Louisiana State board of health.

Governor Diaz gave me a copy of the quarantine regulations now in force in this Republic. I inclose copy for the information of the Bureau.

The fruit companies are thoroughly in accord with this measure, or any other that may be necessary for the protection of their interests.